

Williams College Oral History Project Interview with Hugh Germanetti
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Hugh Germanetti (b. 1932) graduated from Williams in 1954.

In his interview with Charles Alberti, Germanetti describes coming to Williams in 1950 and joining the Delta Phi fraternity. He describes his fraternity's experience with pledging an African-American student and being kicked out of the national chapter as a result. Germanetti also discusses his academic experience as an undergraduate; playing sports, and making the decision to stop in order to prioritize his academic career; and how he inadvertently avoided military service after graduation, first by getting married and then by becoming a father. Germanetti goes on to talk about his family, his work as a house builder, and eventually owning and operating Germanetti Construction Associates, based in Texas.

Germanetti discusses his involvement with the College as an alumnus, beginning with his tenth reunion and leading into service as chairman of the Alumni Fund in the 1980s. He talks about the Society of Alumni; the Williams presidents with whom he had connections, including Sawyer, Chandler, Payne, and Schapiro; and ends his interview with a discussion of his cross-country bicycle trip.

The transcript of this interview and accompanying audio file (if available) may be accessed only in the Archives/Chapin Reading Room.